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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 16th October 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the food situation for the week ending 16th October 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under the report 160 carts of ragi and 25 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 132 carts of ragi and 27 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 76 to Rs. 86 per cart during the week against Rs. 76 to Rs. 83 per cart in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar for consumers.

The four Municipal Test Depots are selling Rangoon rice to the poor. The importers are also selling rice to the public at their Depots.

Mysore City.—The market is fairly supplied. Second class rice is being sold at 4½ seers a rupee and ragi at 8 seers a rupee.

Bangalore District.—No rainfall in the district during the week under report.

The standing crops are reported to be in good condition. Weeding operations are nearing completion. Markets are fairly well supplied, but the prices of ragi, rice and Burma rice continue as high as during the last four months.

Mysore District.—No change, and there has been no rainfall. Some good showers now would be very beneficial.

Tumkur District.—There was no rain anywhere in the district, except Sira during this week. Price of ragi has gone up from Rs. 75 to 80 per cart load and that of rice remains the same as in the last week. All the grain depots in the district have been closed.

Kolar District.—No rainfall, but the dry crops, however, are in good condition. The demand for Burma rice is very slack as local rice is available.

The prices of food grains remain unchanged.

Hassan District.—No appreciable rainfall during this week. The markets were fairly well supplied with food grains. Standing crops are in a good condition.

The prospects of the season are generally good for the present, but more rain is needed for the standing crops.

The prices of food grains continue to be high.

Kadur District.—Food stuffs were available in all the markets in sufficient quantities to meet the local requirements but there was no change in their prices. The standing crops are fading for want of rain.

Shimoga District.—Rain is wanted almost everywhere in the district, especially for the paddy crop. The food situation remains unchanged.

Chitaldrug District.—No rainfall nor has there been any marked change in the prices of food grains.

The seasonal conditions are so far free from anxiety.

General (By Food Controller.)—There was hardly any rainfall during the week. Standing crops are reported to be generally in good condition, but rain is urgently wanted.

The supply of food stuffs in the markets is reported to be sufficient. The prices of ragi and rice have risen slightly in the Bangalore City and in Tumkur to Rs. 80.

The demand for Burma rice continues to be slack. The issue from the Provincial Grain Depot of Burma whole rice and brokens to merchants, co-operative societies and private individuals for domestic consumption is continued.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Press Communique.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM NO. FL. 2869—G. F. 264-19, DATED 23RD OCTOBER 1920.

The accompanying revised Press Communique in supersession of the one issued with Government Memorandum No. Fl. 7739-88—G. F. 264-19-1, dated 22nd April 1920, is published for general information.

By Order,
M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.

To—The Heads of Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
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PRESS COMMUNIQUE.

The attention of Government has been drawn to a certain statement in the newspapers that owing to the non-receipt of interest on Government of India War Bonds, the holders thereof are intending to sell them for less than their market value. Government do not understand the exact nature of the difficulty of the bond-holders in realising interest on them. In order to make the position clear, the following statement of the manner in which interest can be drawn on the different kinds of securities, is issued for the information of the public.

2. *First Indian War Loan issued in 1917.*—Interest on the Government Securities of this loan excepting those in the shape of Stock Certificates, can be drawn by the holders from any of the treasuries in the Mysore State selected by them. They are advised to apply to the Officer in charge of the Hon'ble the Resident's Treasury, Bangalore, mentioning the amount, number and nature of the bonds they hold and the treasury (district or taluk) where they desire to draw interest, the bonds being sent with the application. That officer will instruct the treasury concerned and also inform the party of the arrangements made.

3. *Second Indian War Loan issued in 1918.*—Interest on the bonds for this loan, excepting those in the shape of Stock Certificates will be paid in any of the local treasuries of the State without further formality. All that the party has to do is to present a receipt in the prescribed form along with the bond, at the treasury selected. Such of the holders as desire to get the interest on War Bonds remitted to them periodically, may deposit their bonds at the Bank of Mysore which will draw the amount of interest half-yearly and remit it to them by postal money order deducting a very small commission.

4. Those who hold Stock Certificates will get interest warrants periodically from the Public Debt Office, Madras, enfaced for payment at any treasury named by them.

5. The above procedure is equally applicable to the drawing of interest on all Government of India Promissory Notes.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.